

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above claim amendments in the application prior to examination. Claims 1-20 are now in the application. New claims 21-25 have been added to provide claims of varying scope than those claims initially filed.


Please charge deposit account 13-2725 in the amount of \$650 for the additional claim fees. No additional fee other than the \$650 is believed to be due for this preliminary amendment. However, if this is not the case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to deposit account number 13-2725.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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